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**From:** Patti Jacques <pattibear55@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2019 5:40 AM  
**To:** Murdo, Patricia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Increase bed tax or implement new tax for housing vouchers

Pat- could you please pass this email to committee members . Thank you.

Montana would benefit in the reduction of homelessness if it would either increase the bed tax by 1% or implement new tax on tourist sleeping facilities 1% tax - in implementing and directing the funds to allocate for housing vouchers for low income homeless, disabled criminals coming out of state facilities or disabled persons coming out of health facilities or group or foster homes. Currently major cities and counties do not have enough funding to help in providing safe affordable housing for the above category of people. Most of these people wonder in our city and small towns which gives a negative impact on tourism.

Please make this a priority in the next session. Thank you.

Patti Jacques  
Advocate for those with mental illnesses

Sent from my iPhone Patti Jacques